

Amendments to the Claims

Amend the claims as shown.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for making a molded ~~article~~ vehicle liner, wherein said ~~article~~ liner includes a substantially vertical peripheral wall portion and a transverse outer edge portion, comprising:

- (a) heating a sheet of plastic material having a mold side and an exposed side to a first temperature, said first temperature being consistent with forming said sheet of plastic material in a thermoforming process;
- (b) placing said mold side of said sheet of plastic material over a mold, said mold having a first surface including a steel rule for forming said substantially vertical peripheral wall portion, ~~and further having~~ a second surface substantially perpendicular to said first surface, and a steel rule placed along said second surface at a predetermined distance from said first surface for forming said outer edge portion;
- (c) applying a vacuum to said mold or compressed gas to said exposed side of said sheet of plastic material such that air pressure on said mold side is less than the air pressure on said exposed side;
- (d) forming a ridge over said steel rule along at least a part of said outer edge portion, said ridge being of a substantially uniform height;
- (e) cooling said sheet of plastic material to a second temperature, said second

temperature being consistent with said sheet of plastic material retaining its molded shape;

- (f) releasing said vacuum from said mold or said compressed gas from said exposed side;
- (g) removing said sheet of plastic material from said mold; and
- (h) after removing said sheet of plastic material from said mold, cutting said sheet of plastic material along said ridge to release said ~~article~~ liner from said sheet.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said steel rule encompasses the entire periphery of the mold and step (d) further includes forming said ridge about the entirety of said outer edge portion at a substantially coequal distance from said wall portion.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein there is provided after step (h) a channel edge of a substantially uniform width about the periphery of said ~~article~~ liner.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

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9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method for making a molded ~~article~~ vehicle liner, wherein said ~~article~~ liner includes an outer edge portion, comprising:
- (a) molding ~~an article~~ a liner having an outer edge portion from a sheet of plastic material in a mold having a steel rule encompassing the periphery of said mold, said outer edge portion having a ridge along at least a part of said outer edge portion, said ridge being formed over said steel rule and said ridge being of a substantially uniform height;
  - (b) removing said ~~article~~ liner from said mold; and
  - (c) after removing said ~~article~~ liner from said mold, cutting said ~~article~~ liner along said ridge to release said ~~article~~ liner from said sheet of plastic material such that said ridge defines the outer edge of said ~~article~~ liner.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein step (a) further includes molding said ridge about the entirety of said outer edge portion.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method for making a molded ~~article~~ vehicle liner from a sheet of thermoforming plastic, wherein said ~~article~~ liner includes a continuous outer edge portion, comprising:

- (a) heating a sheet of plastic material having a mold side and an exposed side to a first temperature, said first temperature being consistent with forming said sheet of thermoforming plastic in a thermoforming process;
- (b) placing said mold side of said sheet of thermoforming plastic over a mold, said mold having a steel rule of substantially uniform height positioned about the periphery of said mold;
- (c) applying a vacuum to said mold or compressed gas to said exposed side of said sheet of thermoforming plastic such that air pressure on said mold side is less than the air pressure on said exposed side;
- (d) forming a ridge over said steel rule along the entirety of said outer edge portion such that said thermoforming plastic is thinner than the original thickness of the sheet of thermoforming plastic along said ridge to facilitate a trimming operation;
- (e) cooling said sheet of plastic material to a second temperature, said second

temperature being consistent with said sheet of ~~thermoforming~~ thermoforming  
plastic retaining its molded shape;

- (f) releasing said vacuum from said mold or said compressed gas from said exposed side;
- (g) removing said ~~sheet of~~ sheet of thermoforming plastic from said mold; and
- (h) trimming said sheet of thermoforming plastic along said ridge where said thermoforming plastic is thinner to release said ~~article~~ liner from said sheet.